



NOTICE OF INITIAL SCREENING

2020 Virginia Section 319(h) TMDL Implementation Program Request for Applications (closing October 31, 2019)

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will offer an initial screening of applications to the 2020 Virginia Section 319(h) TMDL Implementation Program Request for Applications (RFA) submitted before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2019. The initial screening will assess if applications are complete, meet eligibility requirements for funding categories 1 or 2, and formatted correctly. The initial review will also verify the applicant's status via the System of Award Management (SAM.gov). The initial screening will not review or evaluate application content outside of the elements pertaining to completeness, funding category eligibility, formatting, and SAM.gov status.

The purpose of the initial screening is to offer an opportunity for applicants to improve the quality of their applications prior to the RFA deadline. The initial screening does not replace nor is it a substitute for application development with DEQ Regional Office Nonpoint Source Coordinators (see RFA Section IX.B). The initial screening is optional and not required for application submission. An applicant's participation in the initial screening will not impact the evaluation and scoring of its application during the RFA's evaluation, ranking, and selection process as outlined in the RFA (see RFA Section X).

DEQ will notify applicants who submitted applications for initial screening of their application's status by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2019. Applicants are still required to submit applications to DEQ as outlined in the RFA (see RFA Section VIII) regardless of their participation in the initial screening.

To submit an application for initial screening, email NPS Project Coordinator Lauren Linville at npsgrants@deq.virginia.gov (email subject line: TMDL RFA initial screening) by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2020. DEQ cannot guarantee that applications received after the initial screening deadline will receive an initial screening.